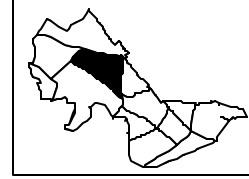


# NEIGHBORHOOD 9

## PEABODY



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by the B&M Railroad, Concord Avenue, Garden Street, and Massachusetts Avenue

**POPULATION:** 11,169 residents  
5,208 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$36,608

Neighborhood #9 is encompassed by Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 9R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 9A, 9B, 9C, and 9D.

### 2001 THIRD QUARTER REVIEW

The majority of **larcenies from motor vehicles** were done by breaking a window. Items apparent to the perpetrators eyes' were targeted such as change, CDs, and inspection stickers. • Of the 20 **housebreaks** in the Peabody neighborhood, only one resulted in an arrest. This year, the crime has dropped 26%, continuing with the declining trend over the past two years. • Of the 7 **street robberies**, 3 resulted in arrests. The most serious robbery occurred on Follen Street when the perpetrator bit and stabbed the victim with a needle and stole the car. The perpetrator was later arrested in Arlington, accounting for 1 of the 3 arrests this quarter. • There was a string of **auto thefts** from an auto service on New St. where 3 different vehicles were taken. Lincoln Way and Garden St. also hosted several auto thefts this quarter, accounting for 8 of the 30 incidents. • Due to the recent spree of graffiti throughout the city, Peabody nearly doubled its' number of **malicious destruction** incidents when compared to last year. Richdale Ave. experienced a lot of graffiti on business walls as well as car windows. Of all the incidents, one arrest was made when teens were seen tagging a business wall on Richdale Ave.

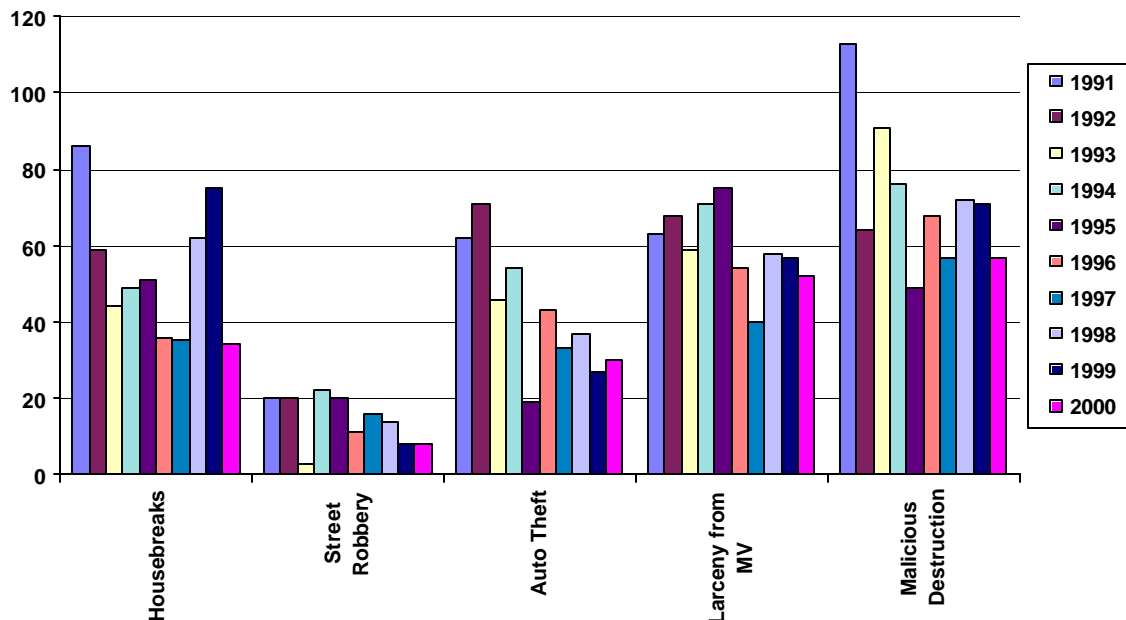
### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS THIRD QUARTER 2000 & 2001

CRIME	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2000	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2001	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	27	20	- 26%
Street Robbery	5	7	+40%
Auto Theft	26	30	+ 15%
Larceny from MVs	46	52	+ 13%
Malicious Destruction	40	74	+ 85%
Drug Arrests	8	8	N.C.

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Peabody has the second highest population in the city, yet most of its crimes are at or below the city's average. The neighborhood's residents include several large apartment complexes, a public housing development (Lincoln Way) and hundreds of single and double family houses. Peabody boasts two of the biggest public parks in the city: Cambridge Common and Danehy Park. Also contained within its borders are Radcliffe College. Large commercial establishments mark Massachusetts Avenue and Walden Square Road.

- Cambridge Common has traditionally experienced after-dark crimes ranging from **public drinking** and **drug use** to **robbery** to **sexual assault**. Increased preventive patrol has diminished such occurrences in recent years.
- Summer **housebreak** patterns sometimes plague Richdale Avenue and Upland Road. This year, clusters returned to that region, though the crime has radically declined in other sections of the neighborhood.
- **Auto theft** and **larceny from motor vehicles**, though low in this neighborhood, show concentrations on Richdale Avenue and in the triangle formed by Massachusetts Avenue, Upland Road, and Avon Street.
- Drug activity and juvenile crime have long been concerns in the Walden Square area. The Narcotics and Juvenile Units began targeting these areas in 1993 and have almost eliminated the patterns.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR PEABODY AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2000*
Housebreaks	150	3	53	5	5
Street Robbery	21	6	14	8	8
Auto Theft	94	8	43	7	8
Larceny from MVs	74	8	60	7	6
Malicious Destruction	135	2	73	9	9

\*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest